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WORKING CONDITIONS OF FISHING SECTOR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the whether the conference of International Labour Organization held in 2004 established new international legal instruments revising the existing ILO conventions and recommendations for improvement and safety and working conditions of fishing sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the above subject had been discussed in the ILO Conference;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) whether further improvement in the working conditions of fishing sector have been approved at the said conference;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the extent to which these recommendations are likely to improve the working conditions of fishermen in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) to (g): The International Labour Conference of the ILO held in 2004 discussed the various ILO instruments which were necessary for being established to improve the safety and working conditions of persons working in the fishing sector. These discussions were held in the Conference of 2004 as a first discussion to identify the areas where suitable measures for improving safety and working conditions in the fishing sector could be specifically drawn up. The Conference then decided to discuss various instruments in the International Labour Conference of 2005. These instruments after their adoption and after suitable amendments in the national laws in the fishing sector is expected to help to improve the conditions at work for the fisher folk.